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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the March 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer
Director

Idaho Milk Production up 8.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during February 2006 totaled 795 million pounds, an 8.3 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 71 million pounds from January 2006. Revised production for January 2006 totaled 866 million pounds, down 14 million pounds from the preliminary estimate but 8.5 percent above January 2005. Average milk production per cow in February 2006 was 1,680 pounds, down 150 pounds from January 2006, but unchanged from February 2005. The average number of milk cows during February was 473,000 head, unchanged from January 2006, but up 36,000 head from February 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 5.9 percent from February 2005. January production, at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 5.5 percent from January 2005.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,588 pounds for February, 66 pounds above February 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.21 million head, 121,000 head more than February 2005, and 118,000 head more than January 2005.

Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2005-2006

Month	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January*	436	473	1,830	1,830	798	866	8.5
February	437	473	1,680	1,680	734	795	8.3
March	441		1,880		829		
April	443		1,850		820		
May	445		1,930		859		
June	451		1,900		857		
July	460		1,960		902		
August	468		1,940		908		
September	469		1,850		868		
October	470		1,870		879		
November	471		1,790		843		
December	472		1,830		864		
Annual	455		22,332		10,161		

* 2006 Revised.

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, February 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	164	166	1,840	1,930	302	320	6.0
California	1,742	1,781	1,635	1,705	2,848	3,037	6.6
Colorado	100	106	1,720	1,795	172	190	10.5
Florida	139	134	1,475	1,440	205	193	-5.9
IDAHO	437	473	1,680	1,680	734	795	8.3
Illinois	105	104	1,500	1,540	158	160	1.3
Indiana	155	162	1,600	1,575	248	255	2.8
Iowa	190	200	1,615	1,630	307	326	6.2
Kansas	109	111	1,575	1,620	172	180	4.7
Kentucky	110	101	1,000	1,050	110	106	-3.6
Michigan	308	314	1,660	1,725	511	542	6.1
Minnesota	455	450	1,405	1,480	639	666	4.2
Missouri	117	114	1,230	1,320	144	150	4.2
New Mexico	320	344	1,560	1,700	499	585	17.2
New York	650	649	1,415	1,485	920	964	4.8
Ohio	267	273	1,370	1,390	366	379	3.6
Oregon	120	121	1,460	1,430	175	173	-1.1
Pennsylvania	560	555	1,420	1,550	795	860	8.2
Texas	317	325	1,560	1,755	495	570	15.2
Vermont	143	143	1,430	1,450	204	207	1.5
Virginia	105	103	1,345	1,410	141	145	2.8
Washington	237	236	1,805	1,790	428	422	-1.4
Wisconsin	1,234	1,240	1,400	1,455	1,728	1,804	4.4
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TOTAL	8,084	8,205	1,522	1,588	12,301	13,029	5.9

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2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

A THANK YOU TO ALL IDAHO FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS

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